



# Paulist Today

## COME CELEBRATE



At various times during these past four and a half years, I have been asked what I enjoy about being the president of the Paulist Fathers. Part of my response always includes this: being present at special events marking the anniversary of the Paulist presence at a particular foundation, or at an event that recognizes a contribution our community has made to the life of the church. An example of the latter occurred this fall.

This year the church is celebrating the 40th anniversary of the publication of "Nostra Aetate." This document from the Second Vatican Council has been instrumental in promoting interreligious dialogue and in a significant way has helped to improve Jewish and Christian relations. Former Paulist president, Father Thomas Stransky, played a key role in its development. As you will see in this issue of *Paulist Today*, for four weeks in the fall, Georgetown University sponsored a series of lectures by Father Stransky on the background and development of "Nostra Aetate." On the last evening, he was presented with the Georgetown University President's Medal in recognition of the critical role he has played in ecumenical and interreligious affairs. The Paulist Community was also honored at that time for our commitment to this important ministry.

As now we begin in earnest to plan for the 150th anniversary celebration of the Paulists, there indeed will be a lot of looking back at the many ways my Paulist brothers, our lay staffs and parishioners have contributed to the good of the church in North America. There is much to thank God for. And we are beginning to share with you ways in which you might want to participate in these celebrations.

However, as important as it is to recognize our past, we must continue to "read the signs of the times and meet the needs of the church in the modern age." This is indeed taking place. A clear example, also highlighted in this issue, is the development of "The Catholic World" online. The new format enables this integral part of Paulist history and tradition to speak once again to key issues in the life of the church and society in North America.

In the coming months, we will continue to inform you about other new apostolic initiatives that are being developed as we carry on the vision of Father Hecker.

As we begin this new year, know that it is the desire of the Paulist Community that it be filled with many blessings for you.

Father John Duffy, CSP  
President

## A FUTURE **BRIGHTER** THAN ANY PAST:

### THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE PAULIST FATHERS

Paulist founder Father Isaac Hecker believed "that in the union of Catholic faith and American civilization a birth



awaits them all, and a future for the church brighter than any past." In recognition of the growing financial needs of the Paulist community and in anticipation of their 150th anniversary, the Paulist Fathers General Assembly voted earlier this year overwhelmingly in favor of launching a full-scale campaign

to ensure a bright future for the Paulist Fathers and all they serve.

**A Future Brighter Than Any Past** is an effort to ensure the continued growth of important Paulist ministries in reconciliation, communications, evangelization and young adult outreach. Additionally, the campaign will address the growing costs of caring for senior Paulists and the increased costs associated with formation of Paulists. Each Paulist foundation will also receive a portion of the funds raised locally to benefit their own ministerial needs.

Every Paulist parish and center will be asked to participate in this effort before the 2008 anniversary celebration. Two foundations, The Paulist Center in Boston and St. Lawrence Church and Newman Center in Minneapolis, are already participating in the campaign. Another four foundations are set to launch their campaigns this winter.

Erik Kiernan and Matt Mulligan will be working with the foundations directly. Gail Battle and the Office for Financial Development are providing the logistical support. The campaign is being overseen by Father John Hurley, CSP,

as the Paulist liaison, and an executive committee made up of Paulists and laity. In a message to Paulist friends and colleagues, Father John Duffy, Paulist president says, "When the time comes, we hope you will join us as we journey into that brighter future in which our church lifts up a North American civilization in need of the many gifts which Jesus' revealing Word will bring it. We hope you will join us in Giving the Word a Voice so that together we can realize Father Hecker's dream of 'A Future Brighter Than Any Past'."

For more information, visit the campaign site at [www.Paulist.org](http://www.Paulist.org).

## CELEBRATIONS BEGIN AS PAULIST FATHERS MARK 150TH ANNIVERSARY



Celebrations honoring the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Paulist Fathers will begin in Paulist foundations across North America this year. While the national anniversary celebration will take place in June 2008 in Washington, DC, Paulist friends and supporters can sign up for events scheduled throughout 2007 and throughout the country.

A day-long walk with Paulist founder Father Isaac Hecker in New York is scheduled for June 16, 2007. Hecker grew up in New York and, at the founding of his new order in 1858, returned to the city, then as now, the new home for hundreds of immigrant families. The archbishop of New York, John Hughes, formed St. Paul the Apostle parish and assigned it to the Paulists.

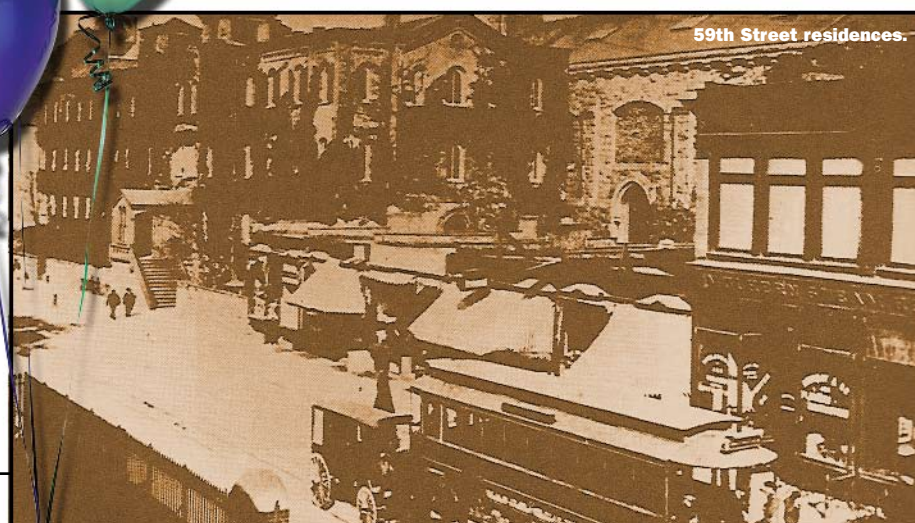
Highlights of the Hecker walk in June include a tour of the Paulist mother church, St. Paul the Apostle, a motor coach tour of sites of special significance to Hecker, a reception and dinner

followed by a theatrical presentation, "Hecker at the Lyceum," by Paulist Father James DiLuzio.

A weekend Hecker walk in New York is on the calendar for September 21-23,

2007. Two Holy Spirit Retreats are scheduled for the anniversary year: the East Coast retreat at the former Paulist novitiate in New Jersey, June 22-24, 2007; and the West Coast retreat in Los Angeles, November 2-4, 2007.

For more information and to register for any of these events—and others—go to the Paulist website, [www.paulist.org](http://www.paulist.org), or contact the 150th Anniversary office: 202-269-2515 or [150th@paulist.org](mailto:150th@paulist.org).





# EVANGELIZATION WEARS MUDDY BOOTS IN PORTLAND



Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.

**P**aulist founder Father Isaac Hecker encouraged his followers to discover new ways to tell the ancient story of faith. He probably never imagined a pair of muddy boots. But that's just what appeared on city busses and signboards in Portland, Oregon, as St. Philip

Neri Parish invited folks to the first Muddy Boot Organic Festival in September. "To say it was a success is an understatement," according to one Paulist at St. Philip.

More than 650 people packed the church on Friday night to hear keynote speaker Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. Some 4,000 visited the Festival on Saturday and Sunday to check out the booths of 50 exhibitors offering sustainable living and free trade goods and organic food; to hear nine local bands; or to sit in on the 25 workshops **featuring organic gardening, solar energy, clean water,**

**climate change**—to name just a few of the topics.

And uppermost in the minds and hearts of the organizers, the Muddy Boot Organic Festival was a time to make connections between the church and the environmental movement, to recognize the need to reconcile, not just with one another, but also with God's creation. Key organizer Greg Martin says, "We wanted to tap into the nature of the people who live here, people very interested in sustainable living and in the beauty of the Northwest. They are very spiritual people but only 10 to 12 percent of them go to church." One visitor, who identified

herself as agnostic, said she was so impressed that the church would be involved in organic and environmental issues that she might give the church a second look.

Martin, a Portland contractor who coordinated the efforts of some 30 volunteers from St. Philip, grew up in the Northwest and always saw his "religious spirituality as connected to God's creation." He affirms the success of the Muddy Boot Organic Festival, both as a time of evangelization and as a fund-raiser for the parish. His muddy boots are already pointed in the direction of next year's Festival.

## ST. AUGUSTINE IN MEMPHIS

# E-3 DAY

By Stephani Manowski



Kim Shelton, left, Shannon Jones and Valencia Jordan evangelize door-to-door in a neighborhood near St. Augustine Church in Memphis.

Photos by Father John Geaney, CSP.

**P**arishioners of St. Augustine Church in Memphis, along with their pastor, Paulist Father John Geaney, hit the streets November 12 to invite the non-churched to visit their faith community. The teams of two—making up the E-3 effort of **"evangelizing everywhere everyday"**—called on a good portion of the 1,200 homes in the area mapped out for the day's visits. Other St. Augustine folks who could not easily walk stayed back at the church counting out supplies and census sheets.

"Jesus sent the disciples out two by two to tell people the Good News," Geaney said.

"We're just doing what Jesus did—with today's disciples."

Building on Paulist student Tom Wiener's work last summer, St. Augustine's evangelization committee planned the event for months, with parishioners signing up to make the door-to-door visits. With most participants donning St. Augustine shirts, the teams greeted residents and left them with a card urging them to set aside at least one hour a week for worship, a prayer card, a refrigerator magnet with a 2007 calendar and a pamphlet addressing 10 questions often asked of Catholics.

If no one was home, a door hanger stating, "We missed you"

with St. Augustine's Mass schedule, telephone number and address let the residents know St. Augustine was there and St. Augustine cared.

"We want people in the neighborhoods around the church to know that we are committed to our neighborhood and want to join them in making the neighborhood an even better place in which to live," Geaney said, noting that a parish census was also accomplished during the visits. "But we also want folks to know that if they have a hunger for God in their lives and no church home, we can help them with both."

## BREAKING NEWS FROM ST. AUGUSTINE...



Monte Flowers of St. Augustine Parish won the title of Memphis NAACP Teen Ager of the Year for 2006—the second year in a row that a St. Augustine teen achieved the honor. With Monte on the right are Memphis mayor AC Wharton and Mrs. Ruby Wharton. At left are Moria Wilks, longtime NAACP advocate and member of St. Augustine, and pastor Father John Geaney, CSP.

Photo by Tyrone Easley, The Photo Group

## IT'S BACK! THE CATHOLIC WORLD IS ONLINE

**P**ublished for the first time in April 1865

by Paulist founder Father Isaac Hecker,

"The Catholic World" enjoyed 130 years as

a premier magazine describing the scope

of Catholic thought to readers in North

America. Paulist Press has now launched

"The Catholic World" on the internet ([www.thecatholicworld.com](http://www.thecatholicworld.com)), available

worldwide to all cultures and denominations,

something that Hecker would endorse with

great enthusiasm, according to the e-zine's

publishers and editors.

"There's no subject we're afraid to

approach from a Catholic perspective," says

editor Father Paul Robichaud, CSP. The

magazine brings a Catholic view to issues of

politics, entertainment, sports, science and

technology as well as history, theology and

pastoral practice. The goal of "The Catholic

World" remains faithful to Hecker's

original intent—to promote religious

dialogue with North American culture.

Twenty-first century technology makes it

possible to engage growing numbers of

Catholics and non-Catholics in that dialogue.

[WWW.THECATHOLICWORLD.COM](http://WWW.THECATHOLICWORLD.COM)



Robert Lane and Loyce Cole update their list of contacts during E-3 Day.





Toronto Paulist Associates have invited their US colleagues to visit during 2007. Meeting in September, they are, row one, from left, Father Jim McCauley, CSP, Tess Barranda, Brian Shaughnessy, John Sliwinski; row two, Brenda Marshall, Molly Sutkaitis, Mary Joe Sloan, Sister Stephanie Sienkiewicz, CSJ; top row, Father Jim McCabe, CSP, Heather McClory, Denise Feltham, Giuseppe Furfaro and Joe Furfaro.

# ASSOCIATES NEWS

Thirty-three Paulist Associates renewed their promises at St. Thomas More Newman Center at The Ohio State University in October. Trish Barber describes her experience as an Associate: “Last year I took my first promises to live as a Paulist Associate. When I made that promise I felt I had come home. It fits, I belong. I am not sure where the Lord is taking me. But I know that wherever it is, it will be a walk in His Spirit.”

Seated below, from left, are Father Vinny McKiernan, CSP, Grace Rees, Mary Ellen Thomas, Sandy Murray, Erin Cordle, Jini Hushak and Peggy Reeder. Second row, Bob Brucken, Patty Ryan, Mickey Brucken, Donna Suzhy, Carol Brown, Bette King, Rita Kerr, Father Dave O’Brien, CSP and Rita Kearns. Back row, Becca Schott, Josie Reno, Tim Reno, Milt Schott, Bill Sparks, Jane Kelsey, Father Larry Rice, CSP, Kathy Murphy, Pete Anderson, Leroy Hushak and Jim Kearns.



# GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY HONORS FATHER THOMAS STRANSKY

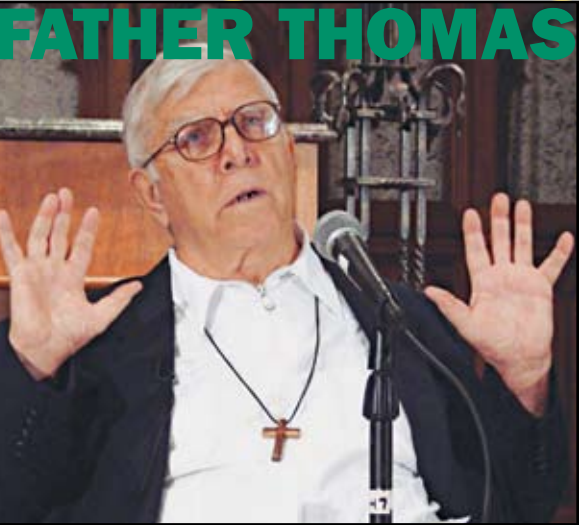


Photo by Father Ron Roberson, CSP

For his work in building bridges among different religions, Paulist Father Thomas Stransky was honored with the Georgetown University President’s Medal on November 2. The presentation was made as Stransky concluded a four-part lecture series at Georgetown on “Nostra Aetate,” the Vatican II document on the relationship between the Catholic Church and non-Christian religions. Stransky was one of the major crafters of the document, and for 19 years has lived and ministered at the [Tantur Ecumenical Institute in Jerusalem](#). He served as president of the Paulists from 1970 to 1978.

In his final address at Georgetown, Stransky said the battle between the Israelis and Palestinians “is not just about land and space, but an equal struggle for the control of history.” It is through ministries like Tantur that people are beginning to hear the other side for the first time, he said, developing mutual recognition of the others’ wounds and vulnerability. Everyone is a politician in the Middle East, Stransky continued, because faith has never been a private affair. “It has always been in the public square. You can’t talk about peace between the Muslims and the Jews if you don’t talk about unity among Christians. ... The Holy Land is the laboratory of the world—of good and evil in the world.”

In recognizing Stransky’s leadership, vision and example, Georgetown University President John J. DeGioia acknowledged his years of facilitating interfaith dialogue in the land that Christians, Muslims and Jews alike call holy. “It is difficult to imagine anyone better suited to this role than Father Stransky.”

# MISSIONARY ACTOR TAKES GOOD NEWS ON THE ROAD

Paulist Father James DiLuzio was an actor before he was a priest. And maybe it was the heart of theater, the stories, that led him to the Paulists and to missionary priesthood.

With a Master of Arts degree in drama from UCLA, and playing supporting roles in soap operas and as an extra, DiLuzio began to ask himself, “What stories are we telling? How do these stories impact human life?” When he joined St. Paul the Apostle Parish in New York and trained as a lector, he encountered in a new way the great stories of Scripture. As a member of the evangelization team, DiLuzio memorized Isaiah 55: “All you who are thirsty, come to the water. ... Seek the Lord while he may be found. ...” And the path began to emerge.

Acting, theater, drama were put on the back burner when DiLuzio entered the Paulists in 1988 and began to prepare for ordination in 1993. As a Paulist priest, he served for nine years as associate pastor and campus minister in Los Angeles and Minneapolis. At the Newman Center in Minneapolis, DiLuzio took part in a production of Stephen

**Sondheim’s “Into the Woods.” “It revived my sense of vocation,” he says.**

## And thus was conceived “Luke Live.”

“Luke Live” is a new kind of parish mission. Over three days, DiLuzio proclaims the first 15 chapters of the Gospel of Luke by heart—not just from memory. Interspersed with the proclamations are preaching, meditations, secular songs and hymns that illuminate the texts. Since 2003, DiLuzio has brought “Luke Live” to more than 50 parishes across the country. In the fall, he began offering “Luke Live 2” which includes the final nine chapters of the Gospel, and “Saints Alive,” stories of saints from Elijah to Bernadette, also enriched with music and meditations.

In celebration of the Paulists’ 150th Anniversary year, DiLuzio will continue to take his missions on the road. In addition, he is collaborating with Father Paul Robichaud, CSP, to create a dramatic presentation on the life and

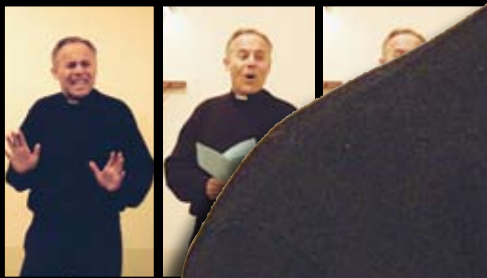
inspiration of Paulist founder Father Isaac Hecker. “Hecker at the Lyceum” will debut in June 2007 at St. Paul’s College in Washington, DC, and is on the calendar for the 150th Anniversary Hecker Walks in New York in June and September.

DiLuzio is a missionary and an actor. “With ‘Luke,’” he says, “I find myself happily integrating my pre-ordination work as an actor, singer, English and drama teacher with my priesthood and Paulist ministry, engaging the faithful in encounter with the Gospel in ways that are culturally relevant and illuminating.”

To learn more about Father James DiLuzio, CSP, and his missions, go to [www.lukelive.com](#).



Photos by Father Michael Evernden, CSP

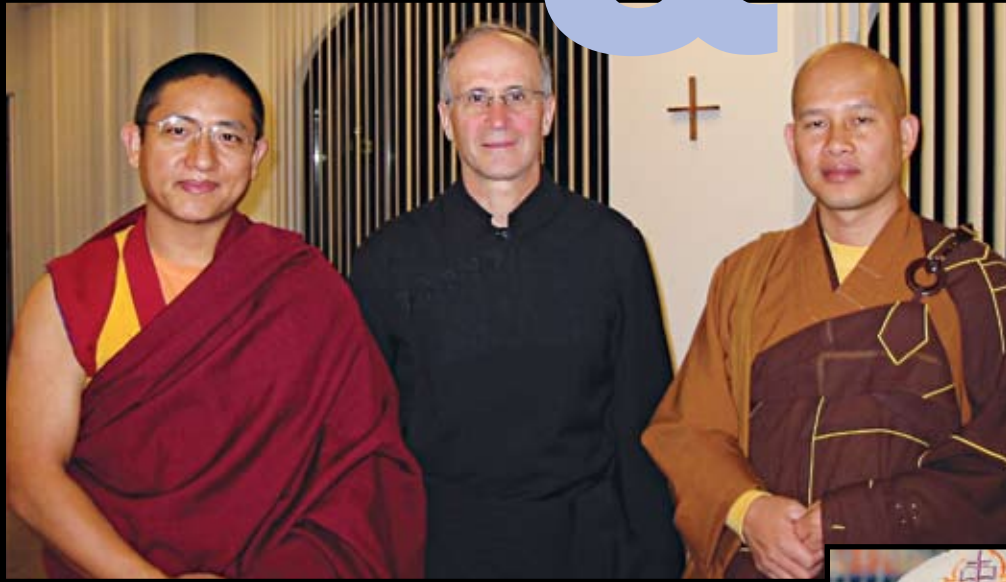


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| Don Howard, CSP, ordained 1958          | + June 14, 2005     |
| Edward Maher, CSP, ordained 1949        | + June 24, 2005     |
| Joseph Flynn, CSP, ordained 1944        | + July 3, 2005      |
| John (Jac) Campbell, CSP, ordained 1969 | + August 29, 2005   |
| Warren Seedorf, CSP, ordained 1949      | + December 27, 2005 |
| Harold (Bud) Powers, CSP, ordained 1948 | + January 4, 2006   |
| Harold Foye, CSP, ordained 1946         | + April 4, 2006     |
| Robert Moran, CSP, ordained 1964        | + April 8, 2006     |
| James McNulty, CSP, ordained 1953       | + April 13, 2006    |
| Joseph Hanly, CSP, ordained 1953        | + October 23, 2006  |
| Michael Hunt, CSP, ordained 1967        | + November 6, 2006  |



# Places & Faces



▲ Paulist Father Tom Ryan, CSP, head of the Paulist Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, participated in the Buddhist-Catholic Monks in the West dialogue at St. John's Benedictine Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota, in October. Ryan posed with Lama Norbu and Rev. Jiru Bhikkhu.



▲ Paulist Bart Landry made his final promise and received his mission cross from Paulist president Father John Duffy on September 8. The following day, he was ordained deacon at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC.



▲ Paulists gathered at El Retiro, the Jesuit Retreat Center in Los Altos, California, in October for the West Coast Retreat. From left, front row, Fathers



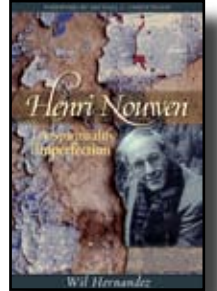
Paulist Father Brad Schoeberle, administrator at St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Los Angeles, greets a sunny day at Surf's Up, the 2006 Parish Festival. It's a day, Schoeberle says, "Where we celebrate God's amazing presence with us, and celebrate what's possible when people of a community work together."

► It's been 28 years since Betty Hall first came to St. Paul's College in Washington, DC, to begin a career of housekeeping and caregiving. In February, she will begin her retirement, with blessings and thanks from multitudes of Paulists and their guests at St. Paul's.



## Paulist Press Picks

**HENRI NOUWEN:**  
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IMPERFECTION



By Wil Hernandez

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